AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended). A recombinant nucleic acid molecule encoding ~~the hybrid polypeptide of claim 1~~ a hybrid polypeptide comprising:

(a) a starch-encapsulating region; and

(b) a payload polypeptide fused to said starch-encapsulating region.

Claim 8 (original). The recombinant molecule of claim 7 which is a DNA molecule comprising control sequences adapted for expression of said starch-encapsulating region and said payload polypeptide in a bacterial host.

Claim 9 (original). The recombinant molecule of claim 7 which is a DNA molecule comprising control sequences adapted for expression of said starch-encapsulating region and said payload polypeptide in a plant host.

Claim 10 (original). The recombinant molecule of claim 9 wherein said control sequences are adapted for expression of said starch-encapsulating region and said payload polypeptide in a monocot.

Claim 11 (original). The recombinant molecule of claim 9 wherein said control sequences are adapted for expression of said starch-encapsulating region and said payload polypeptide in a dicot.

Claim 12 (original). The recombinant molecule of claim 9 wherein said control sequences are adapted for expression of said starch-encapsulating region and said payload polypeptide in an animal host.

Claim 13 (original). An expression vector comprising the recombinant molecule of claim 7.

Claim 14 (currently amended). A cell transformed to comprise the recombinant molecule of claim 7, said cell being capable of expressing said DNA molecule.

Claim 15 (original). The cell of claim 14 which is a plant cell.

Claim 16 (original). A plant regenerated from the cell of claim 15.

Claim 17 (currently amended). A seed from the plant of claim 16, said seed being capable of expressing said recombinant molecule.

Claims 18-20 (cancelled).